

FAASTeam presents:

Dream Trip Across America: One Pilot's Story

Every pilot has a dream trip full of adventure, challenging flying and beautiful scenery. What is yours? How can you make that happen? Presenter Andrea Bittau recently decided to go all in and make his dream trip come true. He flew from San Carlos to Miami, out to the Bahamas, then up the east coast to Maine, turned back west to Vancouver (Canada), and finally returned home to the Bay Area. This once-in-a-life dream trip took racked up some impressive statistics: 59 hours in a Cessna 350, more than 8,000nm traveled, 48 airports and 6 border crossings. SCFC has invited Andrea to share the lessons he learned from the flight, including the realization that trips like these are more within reach than one might think. In addition to sharing stories, photos, and destinations, Andrea will discuss numerous safety considerations, including: ATC culture around the country, such as how to ask ATC for bay / city tours and perform them safely, and controllers' reaction to pop-up IFR clearances, and GA-friendliness. Selecting airports and FBOs, and safety tips for operating at larger airports. International operations: flying in foreign airspace (Bahamas and Canada) and dealing with flight plans, customs, eAPIS, CANPASS, plane documentation and more.

Event Details

Sat, Nov 23, 2013 - 12:30 pm

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Training and preparedness for the variety of environments, ranging from mountain flying, to over water flying, complex airspace, IMC and icing, night flying, and pilot fatigue.

Flight planning and non-pilot passenger management.

Andrea Bittau is an instrument rated private pilot with approximately 750 hours. He regularly flies an assortment of Cirrus and Cessna aircraft depending on his current mission. Andrea frequently participates in the Bay Area FlyOutGroup (FOG) and has been with FOG to Colorado, the Pacific Northwest, and many California destinations.

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Directions: Located in the Skyway Building, next to the Hiller Aviation Museum. Parking and entrance behind building. Suite 215 is upstairs in the northwest corner.

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